



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on April 18, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed candidate designs and made recommendations for the obverse and reverse of the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the Six Triple Eight. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

To assist the CCAC in its review, the CCAC was fortunate to have, in person, the participation of Ms. Edna Cummings, a Six Triple Eight Advocate and Producer of the Six Triple Eight Documentary; Mr. Carlton Philpot, Chairman and Project Director of the 6888th Monument Projects; and Ms. Tracy Bradford, Curator of the U.S. Army Women's Museum.

The CCAC reviewed a portfolio of eight obverse candidate designs and the six reverse candidate designs presented by the United States Mint. Following interesting input from the liaisons, the CCAC voted unanimously to recommend obverse design **STE-O-03** and reverse design **STE-R-03**. Both of these designs are preferred by the primary liaisons. The CCAC recommended that the Mint work with the liaisons to determine if any additional inscriptions are appropriate to add to the design.

STE-O-03 depicts Major Charity Adams next to a row of members from the 6888. A partial exergue is created by an envelope inscribed with "WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS," "2/12/1945 – 3/2/1946," and "ACT OF CONGRESS 2022." The additional inscription is "6888th CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION."

STE-R-03 depicts a member of the 6888 distributing mail to be sent out to American soldiers. Behind her, members of her battalion are sorting and addressing mail to the troops. They work in a warehouse filled to the ceiling with unsorted mail. The additional inscriptions are "ENGLAND," "FRANCE," and "NO MAIL, LOW MORALE."

As a US Army veteran from a different era, I was pleased to learn about this cadre of courageous women, who dealt with racism, sexism, and our enemies during World War II, while making unquestionable efforts to support the morale of their military brothers and sisters. On behalf of the CCAC, we are thankful to continue our participation in the process of recommending designs that will reveal for many Americans the patriotic efforts of women in the history of the United States. Partly because I am a veteran, I intend to purchase a bronze replica of this Congressional Gold Medal when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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CCAC Chairperson